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I have a lot of hesitation about the implementation of the Hague Treaty for International Adoption. I am not sure people realize how much the cost will increase for families and for small agencies. Many people who do hard work to help find families for children in need around the world will be put out of business due to rising overhead costs that will not allow them to compete with larger agencies. A monopoly on international adoption could easily form, and the services could become much more impersonal. We need to be sure this is the smartest decision, and make sure that we are keeping the children in the forefront of our minds when we make these choices. A small agency, like the one where I am doing my internship, does not have the funds to provide what the Hague is asking for, and the work that we do to help unite families with children in need could be destroyed. Please listen to the needs of small agencies and think of the dramatic impact that this decision could have on the children around the world!!